

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
PROVIDING THAT THE SUPREME COURT SHALL CON-
SIST OF A CHIEF JUSTICE AND FOUR
ASSOCIATES.

S. J. R. No. 3.]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article 5, Section 2, of the Constitution of said state, so as to provide that the Supreme Court of this state shall consist of a chief justice and four associate justices, describe their qualifications, tenure of office, and compensation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 2, of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of three judges shall be necessary to the decision of a case. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, and of this state, and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court, or such lawyer and judge together, at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars until otherwise provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for said officers; and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the state. The judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Immediately after the adoption of this amendment the Governor of this state shall call an election for the purpose of electing two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, one of whom shall, when elected, hold said office for four years and one of whom, when elected, shall hold said office for six years, and the question of which of them shall hold for four years and which of them hold for six years shall be determined by lot, as now provided by law.

SEC. 3. The Governor of this state is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation, ordering an election to determine whether or not said constitution amendments will be adopted, and have the same published, as required by the constitution and the laws of this state. Said election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in July.

1915, and the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as necessary, is hereby appropriated from any fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 3 was adopted by the Senate February 24, yeas 26, nays 0. Was adopted by the House, with amendments, March 2, yeas 111, nays 7. Senate accepted amendments, March 6, yeas 24, nays 0.]

Approved March 12, 1915.

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO ESTABLISH IN TEXAS ONE OF THE MINING EXPERIMENT STATIONS PROPOSED BY CONGRESS.

H. C. R. No. 15.] HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has passed a bill authorizing the establishment of mining experiment stations in the several states, and said bill is before the President for signature and will probably become a law in the immediate future, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Texas, the Senate concurring, that the Honorable Secretary of the Interior be, and he is earnestly requested to forthwith establish in this state one of such authorized mine experiment stations.

That a copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted forthwith by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, and to each of the Senators and Representatives from this state.

[NOTE.—H. C. R. No. 15 was adopted by the House on March 4, no vote given. Was adopted by the Senate March 4, no vote given.]

Approved March 12, 1915.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT—SETTING DATE OF
MARCH 20, 1915.

H. C. R. No. 14.] HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Relating to final adjournment.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature shall stand adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock noon, March 20, 1915.

[NOTE.—H. C. R. No. 14 was adopted by the House March 2, no vote given. Was adopted by the Senate March 8, no vote given.]

Approved March 15, 1915.